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AMERICAN PIANIST TIES FOR FIRST PLACE IN MAJOR COMPETITION

LISBON--AMERICAN PIANIST WILLIAM L. DEVAN (DEVAN WITH CAPITAL D AND V, NO SPACE), 26, HAS TIED WITH SOVIET PIANIST TEOPHIL BIKISS FOR FIRST PLACE IN THE PRESTIGIOUS SEVENTH VIANNA DA MOTTA INTERNAL PIANO COMPETITION.

MR. DEVAN, WHO HOLDS VACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S DEGREES FROM THE JUILLIARD SCHOOL OF MUSIC IN NEW YORK, HAS RECEIVED A FIRST PRIZE OF 4,000 DOLLARS AND HE WILL BE THE GUEST ARTIST AT A MAJOR CONCERT WITH ORCHESTRA IN LISBON ON NOV 8.

AFTER PERFORMING WORKS BY CHOPIN AND AMERICAN COMPOSER SAMUEL BARBER IN THE COMPETITION WINNERS' RECITAL, MR. DEVAN WAS CALLED BACK FOR EIGHT BOWS BEFORE A CHEERING CAPACITY AUDIENCE AT THE LISBON UNIVERSITY RECTORY AUDITORIUM.

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OTHER AMERICANS WHO HAVE WON MAJOR PRIZES IN THE VIANNA

DA MOTTA COMPETITION IN THE PAST WERE: JOHN OWINGS (PIANIST), WHO TIED FOR SECOND PLACE WHEN NO FIRST PLACE WAS GIVEN, IN 1966; AND IDA KAVANIAN (VIOLINIST), WHO WON FIRST PLACE IN 1973.

THIS YEAR'S WINNER, MR. DEVAN, PRESENTLY IS TEACHING AND STUDYING AT HANOVER, WEST GERMANY. HIS HOME IS IN MARIETTA, GEORGIA.

THE VIANNA DA MOTTA PRIZE IS MR. DEVAN'S FIRST MAJOR INTERNATIONAL AWARD. THIRTY COMPETITORS PARTICIPATED IN THE CONTEST THIS YEAR.

FOR BONN, LONDON: MR. DEVAN'S GERMAN ADDRESS IS OSTWENDESTRASSE 3-A, 3 HANOVER. MESSAGES CAN BE LEFT WITH EFFMERT FAMILY, TELEPHONE 81-43-09.  
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